

## The Bloomfield Record.

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Local Communications, Advertisements, etc., respectfully solicited. A free-lance medium of local information. It aims to give all the news of local importance, and to discuss all subjects fairly and impartially, giving the reader the opportunity of opinion as to the value of the news. It is not a newspaper of record, but a local paper of information. It is not a newspaper of record, but a local paper of information. It is not a newspaper of record, but a local paper of information.

### LOCAL BREVITIES.

Miss Laura Hulin of Franklin, Pa., is visiting friends in this place.  
Mr. Frederick of Mill Street, has returned from Germany.  
Joseph Hague and family have moved into their new home No. 103 Belleville Ave.

The yearly influx of 97 calendars has begun, most of them calling attention to some line of trade in an artistic way.  
Harris Bros. have prepared a fine line of choice goods and fancy articles suitable for the holidays.

Miss Grace Cowling of Bangor, Me., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Whitmore of Pine St.

The Christmas festival of the Soho Chapel Sunday School was held on Wednesday night. There was a large attendance. Superintendent Phelan presided, and each scholar received a box of candy and a book.

The Policeman's Relief Association of Montclair and Bloomfield have decided to hold a ball in Leach's Hall, Montclair, on February 11.

It is said that the chances of Postman Hayter for the Postmastership are improving each day.

J. W. Ward of Park Place, who is attending Williams College at Williamstown, Mass., has returned home to spend the holidays.

A large number of young people enjoyed the skating on Oakes' pond during the first part of the week. The ice on the Morris Canal, above the incline plane, has also been in good condition for skating.

The Bloomfield public schools closed on Wednesday for the holidays and will reopen on Monday, January 4, 1897.  
The children of the Centre Primary School were dismissed on Wednesday after the customary exchange of Christmas gifts and greetings.

Supt. Olsen of the fire alarm system made a thorough test of the system during the week and found everything in perfect running order. The rumor current that the work of the Superintendent could be done for \$40 a year, was denied by Supt. Olsen.

The promptness of the plough men in opening the sidewalks this week was commendable, although the wind has been so mischievous as to destroy the work in many places, obliging wayfarers to use the roads.

The skating on Mr. Oakes' pond this week has been declared by the boys and girls to be fine, so fine in fact that the participants have been unwilling to leave it long enough to rehearse for a certain Christmas festival which comes off soon.

The Christmas entertainment of the Park M. E. Church Sunday School was held on Thursday night. The First Baptist and First Presbyterian Church Sunday School, next Tuesday night.

The Young Men's League of the Baptist Church, entertained a large number of friends last Saturday night with a mock trial of a breach of promise suit.

The Glen Ridge Fire Department was called out on Monday night, on a false alarm. This is the second time it has occurred in a short time. The Borough officials will make an investigation and endeavor to apprehend the culprit.

A large delegation from Bloomfield Council, Royal Arcanum, attended the meeting of Montclair Council on Tuesday night, when the Grand Lodge officers were present.

Judging from the quantities of Christmas berries offered along the city thoroughfares the holly bushes in warmer latitudes have been called to give largely of their fruit this year. Unfortunately the mistletoe does not come to us in so fair a condition, but since it still holds the charming tradition it will always be in demand.

At the office Postmaster Dailey and his assistants are kept well employed weighing packages of various sizes and asking the usual questions about merchandise, etc., and the carriers' bags will doubtless bulge with extra fulness and they themselves become messengers of Santa Claus this week.

The Orange Chronicle comes to us this week with an illuminated cover, a complete Christmas edition. Last week the Montclair Herald came in holiday attire. From Westfield the Union County Standard also comes to us in Christmas garb, making a very artistic number.

An important conference was held last Saturday, near the Belleville Avenue Station, between the Chief Engineer of the New York and Greenwood Lake Railroad, and members of the Township Committee, including Engineer Olmsted, in regard to the widening of the bridges and the question of a grade crossing at Spruce Street, when the Railroad will be doubled tracked to Montclair Heights. In the intention of the Erie Railroad to begin work in the spring, Engineer Olmsted furnished the necessary data to be presented to the Erie Railroad Company for approval.

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### Musical Instruction.

Mrs. F. W. Bennett's musical season begins Thursday, September 20th. Special attention given to beginners. For terms, etc., address or call at No. 537 Bloomfield Ave.

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### TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE.

The regular meeting of the Township Committee was held on Monday night. The roll call showed all members present. The following bills were approved:

W. A. Ritscher, printing, \$28.90;  
Thos. L. Dancer, stationery supplies, \$9.10; Thos. H. Decker, carriage hire, \$88; McCarter, Williamson & McCarter, Borough case, \$216.80;  
Thomas Hayes, janitor, salary, \$10;  
Treasurer John Lawrence, salary four months, \$41.66; Collector's salary, \$100; Clerk's salary, \$76.15; Queen's Insurance Company, \$35; Horse hire, poor account, \$1; Gustav A. Lanfer, medicine, \$3.10; Mrs. K. Fisher, room rent, \$2; C. L. Voorhees, salary, \$41.66; Speer & Stager, repairs to Phoenix headquarters, \$45; Gamewell Fire Alarm Co., supplies, \$13.50; Janitors salaries of Active, Phoenix and Truck House, \$26; Superintendent Fire Alarm, salary, \$16.66; Francis Law, rent of Active house, \$60; Police Justice Hall, salary, \$20.83; Officers Bayha, Collins and Foster, half month's salary for each, \$30; A. H. Olmsted, surveys, \$60; M. J. Callahan, sidewalk west Belleville Avenue, \$47.50; M. J. Callahan, curbing upper Park, \$247; W. U. Oakes, salary, \$41.66; Superintendent public works, pay roll, \$13.05; Walter Lane, sewer inspector, \$50; M. J. Callahan, other work, \$36; City of Orange maintenance of outlet sewer, 3 months \$164.40.

When the regular order of business was begun Mr. Gilbert called attention to the dangerous condition of the sidewalk on the east side of the Park after the heavy snow storm of the 16th inst. A plow was used and left the walk with a thick coat of ice, making it dangerous for pedestrians. Mr. Haskell said that it was impossible to clean off the ice after this storm.

Later in the evening Thomas Connel of Monroe Place, who owns some property on the east side of Glenwood Avenue near Macbis Avenue, complained to the Committee that the town snow plow was at work during this storm and that when near his property the plow man crossed the Avenue and left his walk covered with snow. He desired to know why this was done. If the work is paid for by the Town it should be done for all. He said it seemed to him to be a spite work. This complaint caused considerable discussion.

Mr. Lawrence said he did not know that the town paid for the use of the snow plow, and made a motion to discontinue the use of the same after January 1, 1897.

Mr. Haskell strenuously objected to this early date and said that the date should be February 1st, and that property owners be notified by an advertisement in the local newspapers. The ayes and nays were called for and Mr. Haskell's amendment was defeated 5 to 2.

Mr. Fisher stated that his neighbors in Brookdale used their own snow plow and did not ask any compensation for the use of the same, and that all parts of the Township should have equal privileges.

Mr. Gilbert of the Auditing Committee informed the Committee that they had decided to employ Wm. L. Johnson to tabulate and ledgerize the list of unpaid taxes at a compensation of \$200.

The action of the Sub Committee was approved.

A communication was received from President Sheppard of the Orange Water Company in regard to the use of water for filling in trenches when house connections are made with the sewer which was that a charge of \$3 be made for each connection.

Engineer Olmsted said that \$1 was a fair price.  
Chairman Stout was of the opinion that the water used was worth about fifty cents.

This matter was referred to the Chairman for an adjustment.

James A. Jamison, Jr., local manager of the New York and New Jersey Telephone Co., appeared before the Committee and wished to know what had been done in regard to a franchise asked for about three months ago.

Mr. Stout complained of the four wires on Franklin Street and said they were too low.

Mr. Jamison was anxious for a decision in regard to a franchise.

Mr. Stout informed him that the Committee would consider the matter.  
The Captain of the Salvation Army Corps appeared before the Committee and asked permission to hold outdoor meetings on Washington Avenue near Bloomfield Avenue, where they could do better work and reach more people.

Mr. Stout said that the store-keepers objected.

Citizen Wm. H. Grosvenor championed the cause of the Salvation Army and said that they were entitled to as much consideration as any other religious body.

Mr. Foster spoke in favor of granting the request.

Chief Powers said he could see no objection to the Army holding their meetings at this point at this time of the year, and if the Committee would

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give him the power he would see that there would be no more complaints by the business men of the town.  
The request was granted.

When the Police Committee were called upon for a report Chief Powers replied: "No report Mr. Chairman." Mr. Gilbert said he had heard a rumor in regard to two of the police officers, and wanted to know what had been done in regard to this. Chief Powers stated that they had each been fined twenty days' pay.

The action of the Committee was approved.

Chairman Stout read an invitation from Foreman William L. Johnson of the Truck Company to attend the reception on New Year's Day.

The communication was received and placed on file, and the invitation accepted with thanks.

Frank Wissner appeared before the Committee and complained of the condition of the crosswalk at Liberty street and Bloomfield Avenue. On motion of Mr. Lawrence this matter was referred to the Crosswalk Committee. Mr. Wissner also complained of a wire that had been strung to a tree in front of his father's house on Franklin street, by the Electric Light Company. He said that he had informed Mr. Powers of the damage done by this wire to the tree and the chief had told him that when McKinley and Hobart were elected the wire would come down, but that the wire remained. This complaint was referred to the Lighting Committee.

At 9.55 P. M. the Committee went into executive session for the consideration of a franchise for the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company.

Choral Service and Sermon to the Masses.

On Sunday evening next, December 27, at 7.30 o'clock, Bloomfield Lodge No. 40, F. & A. M., will attend Christ Church in a body. The Rev. E. A. White will preach a sermon on "The Relationship between Masonry and the Church." The service will be fully choral, and a cordial invitation is extended to all to attend the service, the order of which will be as follows: Processional Hymn, Lord's Prayer and Versicles, Talls; Selection of Psalms, (Chanted); Magnificat, Cantic; Creed and Versicles, Talls; Collect Anthem, "There were Shepherds," (Vocal); Hymn, "Son of God," Anthem, "Christ the King," Awake, "Barney; Retrocessional Hymn.

### Obituary.

James King died in the Mountains Hospital last Saturday, of a complication of diseases, aged 54 years. Funeral services were held on Monday afternoon. Interment was made in the Bloomfield cemetery. Mr. King was employed by the Combination Roll and Rubber Company for a number of years, and was born in England. He was unmarried, and although a resident of Bloomfield for a long time never declared his intentions to become an American citizen.

### LIST OF UNCLAIMED LETTERS

Remaining in the Post Office at Bloomfield N. J., for the week ending, Dec. 24, 1896.  
Bogen, Mrs. Kinney, Mrs. E. E. Enisher, Box 11.  
McGraw, Alice E.  
Cates, Wm. Pfiffer, Stefan.  
Sloan, Louis A.  
Harris, Miss Lena.  
Jagold, Wm.  
Judd, Joseph.  
Tunney, P. J.

FRANK B. DAILEY, Postmaster

List of letters remaining unclaimed in the Post Office at Glen Ridge, N. J., Dec. 24, 1896.  
Bittner, Mr. Wm. H. Lyster, Miss Annie R. Hoffman, Mr. Pauline, Watson, Miss Sarah.  
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The annual meeting of the Essex County Mutual Insurance Company for the election of Directors will be held at the office of the Company, No. 7 Broad Street, Bloomfield, N. J., on Monday, the eleventh day of January, 1897, at 3.30 o'clock P. M.

Divided Skirts.  
No girl who has faced the wind in a divided bicycle skirt on a frosty day will return to the old open, flapping skirt that impedes her movements as it chills her knees. The divided skirt has the "yeas" by a great majority, and she will cast about to see how she can make the prettiest divided skirt she knows how. There are divided skirts and divided skirts, you know, and there is a wide difference in kind.

A new bicycle costume is made of heavy Scotch cheviot in a small, irregular brown and tan check. The skirt is a well hanging divided skirt, reaching to the shoe tops, with two broad box plaits at the back and front that are so full that one never suspects the dividing line at all.

The jacket is a short, snug garment, cut in an irregular way at the front to show quite an expanse of the brown linen blouse front. A broad white braid follows the edge of the jacket, and at the back seam of the sleeve the braiding is quite elaborate.

A dark brown single belt and a soft white berretta complete this outfit to let. The black berretta is worn also, and on very cold days a chamois jacket is slipped on underneath the bicycle suit.

—New York Commercial.

A Chicago Experiment.  
The new training school for domestic service in Chicago will be watched with interest because it claims to be founded "upon wisdom gathered from past errors and failures of like efforts." The institution is incorporated under state laws, with a house provided with ample grounds for its extension if warranted by the success of the venture. The first class consists of 25 young women, who have the best of references for faithfulness in performing their duties. The instruction given will be not only in cooking, but in all branches that have to do with economy, comfort, health and the proper maintenance of a house. The most improved methods will be taught. The pupils are received free of charge, also without compensation from the school for the first six months. After this probation \$3 a week will be given to each pupil until she graduates, which will be at the end of two years. At the end of that time a diploma and the sum of \$100 will be given. Special courses of instruction will also be given to those who desire to fit themselves for one branch of work only, but only after the preliminary six months' training required as a basis for any kind of service.

Vassar Students' Aid.  
Vassar college was very glad to welcome on Nov. 21 the Vassar Students' Aid society. During the seven years of its existence the society has enabled a large number of students to take the college course. Its beneficiaries at the college last year numbered 20, a small number, however, in comparison with the applicants for aid. Competitive examinations or other means for testing special fitness determine the successful candidates. The aid is given in the form of a loan without interest, usually to the amount of \$300, or a half scholarship yearly. The society hopes also to be able to offer a fellowship soon. The regular membership of the society is composed of graduates, former students and teachers of Vassar college. The 14 local branches admit others who are interested in its object as associate members. At the recent meeting the New York, Brooklyn, Orange (N. J.) and Poughkeepsie branches were represented. The president is Mrs. Truman J. Backus and the secretary Mrs. William M. Dean, both of Brooklyn.

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